



Robert Sommars

January 3, 1925 - July 4, 2012

The Mass of Christian Burial for Robert Sommars of Verndale, was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church with Father Arlie Sowada as celebrant. Robert died peacefully with his family by his side on July 4, 2012, at the age of 87, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, MN. Robert "Bob" Louis Sommars was born on January 3, 1925 to Amos and Mary (Campbell) Sommars in Aldrich Township of Wadena County. Bob and Cecilia Leona Boyer were united in marriage on September 20, 1943 at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. Having lived his entire life in the Verndale area the community will remember Bob for serving as a Wadena County board member for both ASCA/FSA, and Soil & Water Conservation, along with being a District board member for the Production Credit Association in Fergus Falls and a FICA Crop Adjustor. He found enjoyment in music, traveling, fishing, hunting, and in retirement years he spent many hours woodworking. His biggest pleasure after retirement was getting together with fellow farmers for coffee every morning at the café in Verndale. He loved to talk farming and politics! He had a talent for playing the harmonica and enjoyed occasionally playing with old-time country western bands. He built the replica Verndale Grist Mill for the Verndale Historical Society and was also known for all the birdhouses and birdfeeders he built. Bob was preceded in death by his parents Amos and Mary; sisters and their husbands Pauline & John Zupan and Alyce & Virgil Seaton. He is survived by his loving wife Cecilia of Wadena; son Michael (Lynn) Sommars of Cave Creek, AZ;

daughters Kathi (Nolan) Hanson of Naches, WA and Junnell Lonergan of Hutchinson; grandchildren Molly (Joe) Gallaway, Tracy (Doug) Goff, James (Sarah) Langer, Jana Langer, Sierra Sommars, Kyja Sommars, and Lacie Sommars; seven great-grandchildren; along with a host of friends. Honorary pallbearers were all of Bob's grandchildren. Pallbearers were James Langer, Jack Richter, Wesley Truax, Dan Fisher, Jay Perius and Terry Perius . Interment was held at a later date in Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Ceil and the family in your loss of Bob.*

jane hieb - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Ceil and Family,
My sympathy on Robert's passing. We know someday we will be reunited with our loved ones, but the separation is hard. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.
Julie Boyer Geiser*

Juliana Geiser - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss, we only moved to Verndale 2 1/2 years ago and didn't get a chance to visit with you at all, and then you moved. Here we are 1st cousins and haven't seen each other very often. My sister Bev, husband Kenny give you their sympathy, they are unable to attend the service etc. My sister Glenice passed away a year ago, just so sad when you lose your loved ones. Bob was always smiling everytime I got to see him. Verndale will not be the same with out him, that's for sure. God Bless you all and prayers for the family.
Love,
Cousin Sandy (Walker)*

Sandy (Walker) South - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *The "parade of skunks" that often are seen in our yard were created by Bob.*

The bird houses on the arbor were also made by him...more special now than when first received. Our sympathy to Ceil and rest of the family.

Len Siegler,Sally Schaffhausen - July 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM